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SUBJECT:MESSAGE FOR TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT FROM
PRESIDENT CARTER.

REF: STATE 124919

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT
FROM PRESIDENT. (TEXT OF ECEVIT MESSAGE OF MAY 15 BEING
SENT SEPTTEL FOR INFO).

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: THANK YOU FOR
YOUR LETTER OF MAY 15. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I HAVE THE
GREATEST SYMPATHY FOR AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE DIFFICULTIES
YOU FACE IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND RECOGNIZE HOW URGENT
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IT IS THAT WE TRY TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEMS WE BOTH CONFRONT.

3. THE REVITALIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES-TURKEY RELATION-
SHIP IS CRUCIAL. I ASSUME YOU SHARE THIS VIEW. I AM COM-
MITTED TO DOING EVERYTHING I CAN TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE.
THIS PROCESS IS UNDERWAY WITH OUR EFFORT TO SECURE CONGRES-
SIONAL REPEAL OF THE REMAINING ARMS RESTRICTIONS AND TO

MAKE AVAILABLE TO TURKEY VARIOUS FORMS OF ASSISTANCE. SUCCESS IN THIS IMPORTANT -- BUT, FRANKLY DIFFICULT -- ENDEAVOR WILL BE A KEY STEP IN RENEWING THE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I HOPE YOU WILL AGREE THAT IT IS EXTREMELY

IMPORTANT THAT WE WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THE RESULTS WHICH, I TRUST, WE BOTH SO EARNESTLY WANT.

4. I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND TALK IN DEPTH WITH YOU ABOUT THESE MATTERS WHEN YOU COME TO WASHINGTON FOR THE NATO MEETING. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER.
END TEXT. VANCE

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